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*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States House, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES— Monday, July 21, 2003

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 481. A bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-108).

S. 926. A bill to amend section 5379 of title 5, United States Code, to increase the annual and aggregate limits on student loan repayments by Federal agencies (Rept. No. 108-109).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 908. A bill to establish the United States Consensus Council to provide for a consensus building process in addressing national public policy issues, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-110).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Finance, jointly, without amendment:

S. 1416. A bill to implement the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement.

S. 1417. A bill to implement the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CHAFEE:

S. 1437. A bill to expand the Federal tax refund intercept program to cover children who are not minors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1438. A bill to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims of the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydro-power by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BUNNING:

S. 1439. A bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize adoption incentives payments under section 473A of that Act and to provide incentives for the adoption of older children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1440. A bill to reform the Federal Bureau of Investigation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BIDEN:

S. 1441. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to false informa-

tion regarding certain criminal violations concerning hoax reports of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1442. A bill to preserve the political independence of the National Women's Business Council; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1443. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1444. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to increase the reservation of funds for programs for low-income families with very young children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. Res. 198. A resolution expressing sympathy for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Algeria on May 21, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 59

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 59, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces are entitled to travel on such aircraft.

S. 229

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 229, a bill to provide for the merger of the bank and savings association deposit insurance funds, to modernize and improve the safety and fairness of the Federal deposit insurance system, and for other purposes.

S. 249

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 249, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse.

S. 269

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 269, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to further the conservation of certain wild-life species.

S. 337

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 337, a bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and the Solid Waste Disposal Act to prohibit the use of arsenic-treated lumber as mulch, compost, or a soil amendment, and to prohibit the manufacture of arsenic-treated wood for use as playground equipment for children, fences, walkways, or decks or for other residential or occupational purposes, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act to establish a governmentwide policy requiring competition in certain executive agency procurements.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for patient protection by limiting the number of mandatory overtime hours a nurse may be required to work in certain providers of services to which payments are made under the medicare program.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 478, a bill to grant a Federal charter Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, and for other purposes.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend subchapter III of chapter 83 and chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to include Federal prosecutors within the definition of a law enforcement officer, and for other purposes.

S. 720

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 720, a bill to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 775

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 775, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to make private, nonprofit medical facilities that serve industry-specific clients eligible for hazard mitigation and disaster assistance.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) and the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) were added as cosponsors of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 973

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 973, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a shorter recovery period for the depreciation of certain restaurant buildings.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 977

At the request of Mr. FITZGERALD, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 977, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage from treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1153

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr.

BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1153, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to expand and enhance postbaccalaureate opportunities at Hispanic-serving institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 1245

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1245, a bill to provide for homeland security grant coordination and simplification, and for other purposes.

S. 1265

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1265, a bill to limit the applicability of the annual updates to the allowance for State and other taxes in the tables used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology for the award year 2004-2005, published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2003.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1301

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1301, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit video voyeurism in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1335, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 1353

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1353, a bill to establish new special immigrant categories.

S. 1363

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) and the Senator from

California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1363, a bill to prohibit the study or implementation of any plan to privatize, divest, or transfer any part of the mission, function, or responsibility of the National Park Service.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

S. 1397

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1397, a bill to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities.

S. 1423

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1423, a bill to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe—Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe.

S. 1429

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1429, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with options for providing family planning services and supplies to individuals eligible for medical assistance under the medicaid program.

S. CON. RES. 40

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 40, a concurrent resolution designating August 7, 2003, as "National Purple Heart Recognition Day".

S. RES. 167

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 167, a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1317

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1317 proposed to H.R. 2555, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1317

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1317 proposed to H.R. 2555, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1317

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1317 proposed to H.R. 2555, *supra*.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1317

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1317 proposed to H.R. 2555, *supra*.

# STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CHAFEE:

S. 1437. A bill to expand the Federal tax refund intercept program to cover children who are not minors; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I am pleased to be introducing the Child Support Fairness and Tax Refund Interception Act of 2003 today.

The Child Support Fairness and Tax Refund Interception Act of 2003 closes a loophole in current Federal statute by expanding the eligibility of one of the most effective means of enforcing child support orders—that of intercepting the Federal tax refunds of parents who are delinquent in paying their court-ordered financial support for their children.

Under current law, eligibility for the Federal tax refund offset program is limited to cases involving minors, parents on public assistance, or adult children who are disabled. Custodial parents of adult, non-disabled children are not assisted under the IRS tax refund intercept program, and in many cases, they must work multiple jobs in order to make ends meet. Some of these parents have gone into debt to put their college-age children through school.

The legislation I am introducing today will address this inequity by expanding the eligibility of the Federal tax refund offset program to cover parents of all children, regardless of whether the child is disabled or a minor. This legislation will not create a cause of action for a custodial parent to seek additional child support. It will merely assist the custodial parent in recovering debt that is owed for a level of child support that was determined by a court.

Improving our child support enforcement programs is an issue that should

be of concern to us all as it remains a serious problem in the United States. According to the most recent government statistics, there are approximately seventeen million active cases in which a child support order requires a noncustodial parent to contribute to the support of his or her child. Of the almost \$25 billion owed in 2001, only \$14 billion has been collected. In 1998, only 23 percent of children entitled to child support through our public system received some form of payment, despite Federal and State efforts. Similar shortfalls in previous years bring the combined delinquency total to approximately \$88 billion. We can fix this injustice in our federal tax refund offset program by helping some of our most needy constituents receive the financial assistance they are owed.

While previous Administrations have been somewhat successful in using tax refunds as a tool to collect child support payments, more needs to be done. The IRS tax refund interception program has only collected one-third of tardy child support payments. The Child Support Fairness and Tax Refund Interception Act of 2003 will remove the current barrier to fulfilling an individual's obligation to pay child support, while helping to provide for the future of our nation's children.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this important legislation, and ask unanimous consent that the text of legislation be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

## S. 1437

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Child Support Fairness and Tax Refund Interception Act of 2003".

## SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Enforcing child support orders remains a serious problem in the United States. There are approximately 17,100,000 active cases in which a child support order requires a noncustodial parent to contribute to the support of his or her child. Of the \$24,700,000,000 owed in 2001 pursuant to such orders, \$14,200,000,000, or 57 percent, has been collected.

(2) It is an injustice for the Federal Government to issue tax refunds to a deadbeat spouse while a custodial parent has to work 2 or 3 jobs to compensate for the shortfall in providing for his or her children.

(3) The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) program to intercept the tax refunds of parents who owe child support arrears has been successful in collecting a tenth of such arrears.

(4) Congress has periodically expanded eligibility for the IRS tax refund intercept program. Initially, the program was limited to intercepting Federal tax refunds owed to parents on public assistance. In 1984, Congress expanded the program to cover parents not on public assistance. Finally, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 made the program permanent and expanded the program to cover parents of adult children who are disabled.

(5) The injustice to the custodial parent is the same regardless of whether the child is disabled, non-disabled, a minor, or an adult, so long as the child support obligation is provided for by a court or administrative order. It is common for parents to help their adult children finance a college education, a wedding, or a first home. Some parents cannot afford to provide such help because they are recovering from debt incurred to cover expenses that would have been covered if the parent had been paid the child support owed in a timely manner.

(6) This Act addresses such injustices by expanding the IRS tax refund intercept program to cover parents of all adult children, regardless of whether the child is disabled.

(7) This Act does not create a cause of action for a custodial parent to seek additional child support. This Act merely helps the custodial parent recover debt owed for a level of child support that was set by a court after both sides had the opportunity to present arguments about the proper amount of child support.

## SEC. 3. USE OF TAX REFUND INTERCEPT PROGRAM TO COLLECT PAST-DUE CHILD SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT MINORS.

Section 464 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 664) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking "(as that term is defined for purposes of this paragraph under subsection (c))"; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), as used in" and inserting "In"; and

(ii) by inserting "(whether or not a minor)" after "a child" each place it appears; and

(B) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3).

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1438. A bill to provide for equitable compensation of the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation in settlement of claims the Tribe concerning the contribution of the Tribe to the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation with my friend and colleague Senator MURRAY, as well as the vice chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee Senator INOUE, that provides an equitable settlement to the Spokane Tribe of Indians. This bill addresses the decision of the Federal Government to take lands belonging to the tribe in order to construct the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River.

For more than half a century, the Grand Coulee Project has made an extraordinary contribution to this Nation. It helped pull the economy out of the Great Depression. It provided the electricity that produced aluminum required for airplanes and weapons that ensured our national security. The project continues to produce enormous revenues for the United States, it is a key component of the agricultural economy in eastern Washington, and plays a pivotal role in the electric systems serving the entire western United States.